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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Assistant Secretary
(Research & Development),
Department of Defense

ATTENTION: Dr. Robert W. Cairns

SUBJECT: Research Proposal for Development
of Composing Equipment for Ideo-
graphic Languages

REFERENCES:

a. Minutes of the ninth and tenth
meetings of the Research and Development
Coordinating Committee on Special Operations

b. Telephone conversation between
Messrs. Little, OCPW, and [REDACTED] CIA.

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1. Mr. Little, OCPW, Department of Army, called [REDACTED] of this office to ascertain CIA's interest in the Ideographic Composing Project. Although this Agency is interested in and encourages the development of ideographic composing equipment, the production of such equipment would be very little direct benefit to us, and, therefore, we cannot justify any financial contribution to the project.

2. Some suggestions with respect to sponsorship for the development of ideographic composing equipment were made and I pass them along to you:

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a. Perhaps one or more of the far eastern embassies in Washington would be interested in this project to the extent of sponsoring it.

b. The immediate use of such equipment to USIA and the appropriateness of the development and use of such equipment for an FOA technical assistance project seems apparent. However, we understand that these two agencies have not shown much enthusiasm.

3. We have appreciated being kept posted on the development of ideographic composing equipment and hope that we may continue to be advised in the future.

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